



Docket No. 0506-4021

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Patent Application of:  
Lee

Serial No.: 09,836,995

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Title: Fireplace Grate

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: **Examiner: J Cocks**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to an outstanding Final Office Action dated **January 14, 2003**, the shortened statutory period for response set to expire on **April 14, 2003**. No extension of time or fee is believed due for this response. However, if the Commissioner determines that a fee or an extension of time is required, the applicant hereby petitions for the required extension of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge deposit account 13-4500, order 0506-4021 for the required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

*2/23/03*  
1. (Two Times Amended) A fireplace grate comprising a frame including a plurality of grate members and a plurality of cross members, said grate members and said cross members defining a platform and a substantially enclosed compartment depending therefrom, the compartment operative to hold a firelog and to prevent direct contact between the firelog and wood or ceramic logs placed on top of the platform.